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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 27 APRIL 2026 AT 7PM.

Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes, Mr W D Craig (Deputy Mayor), Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mrs K Hawkins-Selly, Mrs A M Jones, Mr J Jones, Mr G Macarthur, Mr A Morel, Mr G Morgan, Mr G Preston.

Town Clerk

Zoom – None

Public – one member (County Councillor)

524.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
RESPONSE: Cllr E Leguay & Cllr A Morgan tendered their apologies which were accepted.
2. To receive and accept personal and pecuniary interests in items of business.
RESPONSE: Cllr G Preston in any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor
Cllr G Macarthur as a volunteer with the Millenium Garden Committee – item 524.4.5

524.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 23 March 2026 and 7 April 2026 (extraordinary) and approve as a true record:
RESPONSE: Approved.
2. To consider any planning applications, and if desired, provide comment.
 - a). Application Reference: 26/0400/VAR Grid Reference: E:295817 N: 285470
Proposal: Discharge of Section 106 legal agreement attached to planning approval M/2004/0482 (affordable housing occupancy). Site Address: Llys-y-coed, Trefeglwys Road, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6JA
 - b). Application Reference: 26/0319/FUL Grid Reference: E:295241 N: 284629
Proposal: To remove and rebuild chimney in a conservation area - Site Address: Rosedene and Caerhaf, Highgate Street, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6AG.
RESPONSE: No objections raised.

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
RESPONSE: Jenson Jones for his fund raising project running 10 marathons across Wales.
4. To confirm the Election of Mayor/Deputy Mayor and confirm arrangements for Mayor Making on 8 May 2026.
RESPONSE: Nominations for Dr J G Hughes as Mayor and Mr D Craig as Deputy Mayor were received. Election will take place at Mayor Making Ceremony scheduled for 8 May 2026.
5. Civility & Respect Pledge – consider email and pledge from One Voice Wales and, if desired, agree completion and signature.
RESPONSE: Approved with signature of Mayor.
6. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.
RESPONSE: none received.
7. To receive the draft Public Participation Protocol and, if desired, approve for adoption.
RESPONSE: Adopted.
8. Agree date of next Council meeting – 1 June 2026, 7pm.

524.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (Cllr G Preston) including request for the installation of a bench on Victoria Avenue/Hafren Terrace and seek view on the grass area at the hospital being converted to parking (email from Cllr F Frantz-Morgans refers).
RESPONSE: Councillor Preston advised that the grant request for £36k for the Youth Centre roof and windows had been approved. County Councillors had met with the Active Travel team recently and Powys County Council will contact the Town Council regarding the Gro Car Park in due course.
Councillor Frantz-Morgans requested consideration to a bench being sited near Victoria Avenue – the Town Clerk will investigate and return with a map. The matter of the green area at the hospital being converted to parking was for Powys Teaching Health Board to consider and the County Councillor had submitted a request.
2. To receive an update on the Old Market Hall repairs and renovations.
RESPONSE: recent remedial works at the Old Market Hall had been completed to a good standard. The surveyor appointed by the Town Council had inspected and her report was awaited.
3. To receive email from Learning Tree Group and consider request for area in Pen yr Allt woods to be earmarked for their occupation.
RESPONSE: Councillors were concerned about this proposal given the woods were a public space. The proposal to continue discussions was agreed save 1 abstention.
4. To receive email from Pavo re Llanidloes Local news sheet and consider support for project.
RESPONSE: Proposal to support project was approved.
5. To receive email from Welshpool Town Council regarding free parking and agree response to request for joint dialogue with Powys County Council.
RESPONSE: No action proposed.
6. To receive email from Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru regarding the 2027 National Eisteddfod and details of a procession through Llanidloes on 9 May 2026

RESPONSE: Proclamation procession was noted with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor proposed to represent the Town Council in the parade.

524.4 FINANCE/AUDIT – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Receive and approve the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 31.3.2026 with CCLA PSDF statement.
 - ii) Aged debtor list (£13k) as at 31.3.2026 – list provided.
 - iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 31.3.2026 with commentary and financial assessment for Dolhafren Cemetery, Gro Toilets and Town Hall Public Toilets.
RESPONSE: Reconciliation approved, noted that outstanding Cemetery debtor was now paying £500 per month, budget and financial assessments noted.
2. Approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation – lists provided.
RESPONSE: £22,748.51 of payments approved.
3. Note accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions – list provided.
RESPONSE: £9,956.89 and £142.76 of debit card payments approved with 2 bank transfers noted.
4. Appoint a Town Council member to independently verify year end Bank Reconciliation as per Financial Regulation 2.6.
RESPONSE: Cllr G Morgan appointed.
5. Consider proposal to provide funding for topsoil for Millenium Garden Committee – quotation attached.
RESPONSE: Approved payment of £103.98 + Vat.
6. ICCM subscription for 2026/27 - £110 – if desired, approve payment.
RESPONSE: Approved.
7. Review Burial Fees for Dolhafren Cemetery effective for 12 months from 1 June 2026.
RESPONSE: Town Clerk referred to Financial Assessment for year ended 31.3.26 in accompanying papers indicating a surplus was achieved. Agreed to retain fees at same level for year commencing 1 June 2026.
8. Receive an update on Internal and External Audit arrangements for 2025/26 and resolve to appoint JDH Business Services Ltd as Internal Auditor for the 2025/26 financial year.
RESPONSE: The internal audit had been completed and would be presented to the next meeting. There would be no items needing attention. The Council resolved to appoint JDH Business Services Ltd as internal auditor for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

524.5 COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following items:

Town & Cemetery Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer – an update was provided on recruitment of replacements for these positions. A paper was provided to Councillors prepared by the existing Town Clerk. The recommendation of the interview panel to appoint Darren Bender as the new Town Clerk (21 hours per week), effective 1 June 2026, with the existing Town Clerk stepping down to a newly created Responsible Financial Officer role (7 hours per week) from 1 July 2026, was approved. During June 2026 a training programme

would be undertaken with the new structure commencing from 1 July 2026. The new arrangements should provide an element of cover across the roles.